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Info-Hams Digest                      Sat, 14 May 94                      Volume 94 : Issue 526

Today's Topics:

3Y0PI QSL Card Received 5/19  
Archive: NRE Test Center Managers List  
COMPLETE BUSINESS ON DISK (2 msgs)  
DX Frequencies  
Ham BBS  
HDN Releases  
IBM Games for sale! (dozens of them!)  
Kenwood Manual Needed  
sacred frequencies  
Scpc Equipment And Ex  
WWW and Gopher request for BARC FTP site

Send Replies or notes for publication to: <Info-Hams@UCSD.Edu>  
Send subscription requests to: <Info-Hams-REQUEST@UCSD.Edu>  
Problems you can't solve otherwise to brian@ucsd.edu.

Archives of past issues of the Info-Hams Digest are available  
(by FTP only) from UCSD.Edu in directory "mailarchives/info-hams".

We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text  
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Date: Fri, 13 May 1994 16:05:12 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!spool.mu.edu!darwin.sura.net!mlb.semi.harris.com!  
controls.ccd.harris.com!bal@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: 3Y0PI QSL Card Received 5/19  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Subject says it all. I received my QSL card yesterday. It is a folding card  
with a picture of the operators on the back. Did those guys drink anything  
other than CocaCola? :) (in reference to the picture on the back of the  
QSL card)

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Bruce Lifter  
Harris Corporation  
Controls Division

MS: R5-202  
email: blifter@ccd.harris.com  
de KR4AQ

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Date: 14 May 1994 21:10:05 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!gatech!concert!bigblue.oit.unc.edu!sunSITE!  
modena@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Archive: NRE Test Center Managers List  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Newsgroups: rec.radio.amateur.misc  
Subject: Archive: NRE Test Center Managers List  
Summary:  
Followup-To:  
Distribution: na  
Organization: University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
Keywords:  
Cc:

For those interested in testing for a Commercial Radio Operator License

Version 1.0.0 -- 14 May 94

There are eight organizations authorized by the FCC to conduct examinations for various commercial radio operator licenses and endorsements.

The W5YI-affiliated National Radio Examiners (NRE) maintains a list of Test Center Managers, sorted by ZIP code. I have reproduced a recent list, posted separately and periodically on Usenet--and maintained in a public access archive (SunSITE.unc.edu).

This posting details how to read or retrieve the listing of NRE Test Center Managers via:

1. FTP-email (for those with email only)
2. FTP file retrieval
3. TELNET to a GOPHER server
4. Pointing your local GOPHER/MOSAIC/WWW client

1. FTP-email (for those with email only)

If one has only email access to the internetworks, one can use the services of an intermediate to obtain a document from an ftp archive.

To more fully understand the nature of the free service of an inter-

mediate, send email to: ftpmail@decwrl.dec.com; the body of the message is the word "help"...by return email, you will receive a complete explanation of the free service.

To retrieve either a plain ascii text version or an PostScript(R) version of the NRE Test Center Managers list....

Send email to: ftpmail@decwrl.dec.com

Leave the "subject:" blank.

Here is the exact message to send:

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connect sunsite.unc.edu
cd /pub/academic/agriculture/agronomy/electronics+computers/coleman
get nre-9404.txt
get nre-9404.ps
quit
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The last line of the email message MUST be 'quit'!!!

'nre-9404.txt' is the plain ascii text versions of the NRE Test Center Managers List.

'nre-9404.ps' is the encapsulated PostScript(R) version of the NRE Test Center Managers List

Leave out one or the other line according to your need.

You will receive a reply from the intermediate telling you where your request is in the queue and advising that service may take a while. Probably the reply will process overnight, but if it takes longer...

## 2. FTP file retrieval:

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FTP to sunsite.unc.edu (198.86.40.81}
Login as anonymous
Give your TPC/IP id as the password
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>cd /pub/academic/agriculture/agronomy
>cd ./electronics+computers/coleman
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For a plain ascii text version of the Test Center Managers,  
"get" nre-9404.txt

For a encapsulated PostScript(R) version of the Test Center Managers,  
"get" nre-9404.ps

### 3. TELNET to a GOPHER server (an example session)

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>telnet sunsite.unc.edu
Trying 198.86.40.81 ...
Connected to sunsite.unc.edu.
Escape character is '^]'.
***** Welcome to SunSITE.unc.edu *****
SunSITE offers several public services via login. These include:
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For a simple gopher client,          login as gopher
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Internet Gopher Information Client 2.0 pl11
Root gopher server: gopher.unc.edu
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--> 5. Worlds of SunSITE -- by Subject/
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Internet Gopher Information Client 2.0 pl11
Worlds of SunSITE -- by Subject
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--> 3. Browse All Sunsite Archives/
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Internet Gopher Information Client 2.0 pl11
Browse All Sunsite Archives
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--> 8. academic software written by researchers in different disc.../
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Internet Gopher Information Client 2.0 pl11
academic software written by researchers in different disciplines
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--> 3. agriculture information about scientific farming, horti.../
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Internet Gopher Information Client 2.0 pl11
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agriculture information about scientific farming, horticulture, and.../
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--> 3. agronomy/
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Internet Gopher Information Client 2.0 pl11  
agronomy

--> 8. Electronics & Computers /

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Internet Gopher Information Client 2.0 pl11  
Electronics & Computers

1. Ham Radio Callbook Server - SUNY at Buffalo <TEL>
2. Archives of rec.amateur.radio.ANTENNAS /
3. Archives of rec.radio.amateur.HOMEBREW /
4. Archives of QRP ... threaded from Think.com /
5. Archives of sci.ELECTRONICS /
6. . . . . other HAM RADIO related items /
7. OS2: an FAQ, the IBM Gopher and other trivia /
- > 8. COLEM /
9. NEC /

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Internet Gopher Information Client 2.0 pl11  
COLEM

- > 1. gopher readable: National Radio Examiners Test Centers /
2. PostScript file: National Radio Examiners Test Centers
3. ascii text: National Radio Examiners Test Centers

(end of example session)

4. Access via pointing your local GOPHER, MOSAIC, or WWW client:

This is the profile information:

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#
Type=1+
Name=COLEM
Path=1/../../pub/academic/agriculture/agronomy/electronics+computers/colem
Host=calypso-2.oit.unc.edu.
Port=70
Admin=Jonathan Magid and Simon Spero, 919-962-9107 <ftpkeeper@sunsite.unc.edu>
ModDate=Sat Apr 9 19:46:28 1994 <19940409194628>
URL: gopher://calypso-2.oit.unc.edu.:70/11/../../pub/academic/agriculture/
[line continues] agronomy/electronics+computers/colem
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73/Steve Modena/AB4EL 70312.456@compuserve.com

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Date: Sat, 14 May 1994 15:38:45 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!csus.edu!netcom.com!  
rogjd@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: COMPLETE BUSINESS ON DISK  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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rogjd@netcom.com  
Glendale, CA  
AB6WR

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Date: Sat, 14 May 1994 15:38:18 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!csus.edu!netcom.com!  
rogjd@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: COMPLETE BUSINESS ON DISK  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Kenneth Hines (kenneth.hines@dscmail.com) wrote:

: FREE Details on a complete ready-to-go Business!

HINES IS INCREDIBLY DISCOURTEOUS FOR PUTTING THIS GARBAGE ON THIS BOARD.

THIS IS VERY OBNOXIOUS, AND I HOPE NO ONE DOES BUSINESS WITH THE WEENIE.

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rogjd@netcom.com  
Glendale, CA  
AB6WR

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Date: Sat, 14 May 1994 15:36:06 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!csus.edu!netcom.com!  
rogjd@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: DX Frequencies  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Barrie Britton (britton@epsilon.llumc.edu) wrote:

: Well, if Roger doesn't know about it, that isn't because he wasn't  
: told by the publications he claims to read. The ARRL has mentioned  
: the "international DX calling frequencies" in QST, and CQ has also,  
: but they pretty much assume that most hams already know it.

"Claims to read" huh?

Well, sorry chum, but despite having been reading both pubs, I never heard of all these screwy special freqs. And whether you like it or not, most other hams haven't either. And when jerks get indignant when some poor fellow invades one of these "reserved" freqs, and chew on some hapless newcomer (which is the type of behaviour which started this thread in the first place) it is a discredit to the hobby. Simple as that.

When I took my Extra Class exam, I did learn about ATV, so I know what that sounds like on 20M at around 14230, so generally I steer clear of that freq unless I'm darned sure there's no ATVer out there. Just common courtesy. Ditto nets. If some chap breaks into a qso of mine (happened a couple of weeks ago) and says that a net is about to meet on the freq we're using and could we move up or down a few Khz, well, that's OK with me too, unless I'm passing priority traffic.

: The "standard" DX frequencies are well known to all serious DXers, : and have been for years. ....

Well, that's nice. But most hams aren't serious dxers, and skip over the boring articles in QST and CQ on DX. If you like DXing, great! For me it's a bore unless it involves a ragchew. But don't expect casual amateurs to get excited about arcane rules and conventions of this dx passtime in excess of normal rules of courtesy such as: "QRZ, is the frequency in use please?"

Frankly, for me amateur radio is a hobby, and it had better be a low-stress, enjoyable one, or I'll find a new hobby.

Fortunately, corteous amateurs vastly outnumber the few territorial lids, and for the last 28 years I've found the hobby to be a pleasure.

: There are also standard calling frequencies for "Ten-ten Inter-  
: natioal," for the County Hunters, for the IOTA fans, for the Marine  
: Nets, for QRP and SSTV, for 6 meter DXers, and so on. These are  
: also widely circulated.

Never even heard of 'em. Ten-ten International? You've got to be kidding. They've got a special freq too, hey? How about the cub scouts?

OK, just kidding, but you can see where this leads.

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rogjd@netcom.com  
Glendale, CA  
AB6WR

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Date: 13 May 1994 17:07:06 -0700  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!paris.ics.uci.edu!  
news.claremont.edu!kaiwan.com!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Ham BBS  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

John W. Herndon (jwh@kaiwan.com) wrote:  
: I just opened up a new BBS serving the HAM community. I didn't want to  
: post a huge ad because it may not be appropriate for this newsgroup.  
: If you would like more information email or finger jwh@kaiwan.com.  
: Thank you for the use of the bandwidth. -John

For those that called and found the validation process tedious..

I've completely changed the upgrade process and access setup!

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[ John W Herndon : One Stop Tech Shop BBS (310) 421-6766 / USR 14.4K DS ]  
[ <jwh@kaiwan.com> : Ham Radio / SWL / Scanners / Computer Aided Design ]  
[ Send Email For : 3 CD-ROMS online and still growing! Call & Explore! ]  
[ More BBS Info! : ----- ]

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Date: Sat, 14 May 1994 01:40:07  
From: seas.smu.edu!rwsys!ocitor!FredGate@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: HDN Releases  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The following files were processed Saturday 5-14-94:

HAMNEWS [ HAM: Bulletins and Newsletters ]

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ANART808.ZIP ( 7481 bytes) ANART Bulletin #808 05/08/94  
ARLB041.ZIP ( 1790 bytes) 05/08/94 - ARRL strategic plan



ARLB042.ZIP	( 1990 bytes)	05/09/94 - It's law in New Hampshire
ARLB043.ZIP	( 2254 bytes)	05/11/94 - 2300 Mhz comments sought
ARLD026.ZIP	( 3405 bytes)	05/05/94 ARRL DX Bulletin - DX News
ARLD027.ZIP	( 1639 bytes)	05/06/94 ARRL DX Bulletin - P5RS7 update
NEWS0506.ZIP	( 9861 bytes)	NewsLine #873 05/06/94
OPDX157.ZIP	( 5071 bytes)	Oh/Pa DX Bulletin 05/09/94
RAC0509.ZIP	( 2666 bytes)	RAC Spcl Bulletin - CANATEX 2
RACES325.ZIP	( 2326 bytes)	RACES Bulletin #325 05/09/94
RSGB0515.ZIP	( 10969 bytes)	RSGB Bulletin 05/15/94
WICEN048.ZIP	( 3410 bytes)	WICEN Bulletin #048 05/08/94

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HAMSAT [ HAM: Satellite tracking and finding programs ]

AMSAT127.ZIP	( 5897 bytes)	AMSAT Bulletin #127 05/07/94
ARLK018.ZIP	( 3294 bytes)	ARRL Keplerian Bulletin 05/07/94
MSAT05.ZIP	( 218648 bytes)	MicroSat ground station tracking software forLinux & X-windows by G00RX
OBS133.ZIP	( 5948 bytes)	Amsat Orbital Elements #133 05/13/94
PREDICT.ZIP	( 58711 bytes)	Satellite orbital prediction software, by KD2BD
SAT26APR.ZIP	( 106089 bytes)	Track 255 satelllites, 16 presented simultaneously, by DL3HAW, DL3HRT,
SATRKV17.ZIP	( 273252 bytes)	Satellite tracking software for Unix, rename satrkv1.7.tar.Z after un
SPC0509.ZIP	( 4843 bytes)	Space News 05/09/94

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676682 bytes in 8 file(s)

HAMSWL [ Shortwave Schedules and programs ]

RNZI.ZIP	( 2011 bytes)	Radio New Zealand SWBC Sked 04/30/94 - 10/02/94
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2011 bytes in 1 file(s)

Total of 731555 bytes in 21 file(s)

Files are available via Anonymous-FTP from ftp.fidonet.org  
IP NET address 140.98.2.1 for seven days. They are mirrored  
to ftp.halcyon.com and are available for 60-90 days.

Directories are:

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pub/fidonet/ham/hamnews (Bulletins)
                        /hamant (Antennas)
                        /hamsat (Sat. prg/Amsat Bulletins)
                        /hampack (Packet)
                        /hamelec (Formulas)
                        /hamtrain (Training Material)
                        /hamlog (Logging Programs)
                        /hamcomm (APLink/JvFax/Rtty/etc)
                        /hammods (Equip modification)
                        /hamswl (SWBC Skeds/Frequencies)
                        /hamscan (Scanner Frequencies)
                        /hamutil (Operating aids/utils)
                        /hamsrc (Source code to programs)
                        /hamdemo (Demos of new ham software)
                        /hamnos (TCP/IP and NOS related software)
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Files may be downloaded via land-line at (214) 226-1181 or (214) 226-1182.  
1.2 to 16.8K, 23 hours a day .

When ask for Full Name, enter: Guest;guest <return>

lee - ab5sm  
Ham Distribution Net

\* Origin: Ham Distribution Net Coordinator / Node 1 (1:124/7009)

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Date: Fri, 13 May 1994 13:30:43 -0400  
From: ftpbox!mothost!lmpsbbs!NewsWatcher!user@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: IBM Games for sale! (dozens of them!)  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <SA055.296.2DD10883@getty.onu.edu>, SA055@getty.onu.edu (daniel woodard) wrote:

> These are used IBM games I have for sale. Now I have played most of these  
> out, and I would like to get some money to buy the newer games, which I  
> understand are going for around \$50 or so each. Anyway, all the games here  
> are virus free, and include the original box, disks, and documentation.

> Look through the list and write back if you want to buy one. First come,  
> first served. See bottom of list for shipping details, etc.  
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\*\*\* (garbage deleted for brevity) \*\*\*  
>  
> That's it. Big list, mostly older, but good games. That's why the prices  
> are so good. These games include original box, documentation, and disks.  
> All are complete and virus free. (I used f-prot to check them)  
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> Please add \$3 to cover shipping and handling on 1st game, \$1 each  
> additional game. I will send the disk(s) that you request by priority mail (  
> 2 days or less to get to you) Please don't ask me to look up such & such  
> about game x or y, as I don't have time to do your research for you. I  
> assume that if you are interested, you already know pretty much what the  
> game is about. If you need more info about the game, I suggest  
> downloading an issue of GameBytes Magazine, which gives good reviews for a  
> lot of them. You can find Gamebytes at ftp.uml.edu, under Games, in the  
> Game\_Bytes subdirectory. I am studying for finals, and will look at my e-  
> mail again in about a week. If you have responded, I will write back and  
> tell you whether or not you were the first person to ask for a game. Then  
> you can send me the check, (if you were lucky enough to be first) and I will  
> send you the game. It's as simple as that.  
> Thanks! Dan  
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> \*\*\*\*\*  
> THE BIG, huge meteor headed toward the Earth. Could nothing stop  
> it? Maybe Bob could. He was suddenly on top of the  
> meteor--through some kind of space warp or something. "Go, Bob,  
> go!" yelled one of the generals. "Give me that!" said the big  
> guy general as he took the microphone away.  
> "Listen, Bob," he said. "You've got to steer that meteor away from  
> Earth."  
> "Yes, but how?" thought Bob. Then he got an idea.  
> Right next to him there was a steering wheel sticking out of the  
> meteor.  
> -By Jack Handey  
> \*\*\*\*\*

OK, Dan, now can you explain how any of the above is even  
remotely related to rec.radio.amateur.misc, which happens  
to be the newsgroup into which you posted your list of  
electronic leftovers??

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Karl Beckman, P.E. < The difference between genius and stupidity >  
Motorola LMPS- Analog Data < is that genius has its limits. -Unknown >

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Amateur radio WA8NVW @ K8MR.NEOH.USA.NA                      NavyMARS VBH @ NOGBN.NOASI

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Date: 14 May 1994 13:19:47 -0700  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!spool.mu.edu!sgiblab!  
gatekeeper.us.oracle.com!barrnet.net!nntp.crl.com!crl2.crl.com!not-for-  
mail@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Kenwood Manual Needed  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I am looking for a copy or a photocopy of a manual for a Kenwood Dual  
Bander TW-4000A.

If anyone can accommodate me I would appreciate it.

Please reply via email.

Thanks,  
Chuck Daley  
KD4LXQ

chdaley@crl.com

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Date: Sat, 14 May 94 13:39:55 PDT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!  
newsxfer.itd.umich.edu!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!mala.bc.ca!epaus!ham!emd@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: sacred frequencies  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

oo7@astro.as.utexas.edu (Derek Wills) writes:

> Whether this is what the original poster is thinking of, I have  
> no idea, but outright condemnation of DXers for wanting to keep  
> one frequency per band clear for their sport is not warranted.  
> It's a little like claiming that it's OK to park right next to  
> a fire hydrant because there hasn't been a local fire for the  
> last 5 minutes.  
>

No, it's more like claiming no one else should drive down the road  
because the fire truck might need it. If no one else is using the  
frequency at the moment why shouldn't someone else use it? Most people  
will give up a frequency to a net if asked nicely.

It's a little over the top to expect everyone to know all the net frequencies in use by every group on the air, obscure or not. A little courtesy goes a long way.

Robert Smits  
VE7EMD  
Ladysmith B.C.  
e-mail: emd@ham.island.net

There is \*no\* idiotproof filter.  
Idiots are proof against anything!  
- Richard Chycoski, VE7CVS

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Date: 14 May 94 09:41:00 -0500  
From: blkcat!org!fidonet!z1!n109!f239!William.Boan@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: Scpc Equipment And Ex  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

FR>Newsgroups: rec.radio.amateur.misc  
FR>From: frede@microsoft.com (Frederick Einstein)  
FR>Organization: Microsoft Corporation

FR>very good results. The IF filtering on these receivers may not be totally  
FR>optimum  
FR>for all SCPC channels (some are wider IF, some are narrower) but overall,  
my  
FR>experiences  
FR>(with the R-100) have been very positive. I use a DC block and  
Y-connecter  
FR>(both available)  
FR>at Radio Shack to keep the DC out of the scanner.

FR> \* Origin: The Black Cat's Usenet <=> Fidonet Gateway (1:109/42)

I have heard of people using thier HF receivers with a TVRO system, to tune the ASC. Here, you are talking about using a scanner. Could you enlighten me on this subject? I have a HF rcver that I have been planning to add to a TVRO system to rcv the WEFAX from Spacenet3 T17, but I'am wondering as you mentioned above about the bandwidth?

William.

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\* SLMR 2.1a \* \* If love is blind, lingerie makes great Braille.

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Fidonet: William Boan 1:109/239

Internet: William.Boan@f239.n109.z1.fidonet.org

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Date: Sat, 14 May 1994 00:52:31 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!news.ucdavis.edu!modem110.ucdavis.edu!  
ddtodd@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: WWW and Gopher request for BARC FTP site  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <WY1Z.94May13120439@bach.coe.neu.edu> wylz@bach.coe.neu.edu (Scott Ehrlich) writes:

>Could the people who maintain the WWW and Gopher systems (and others I am  
>not aware of) please make sure your pointers for the BARC's FTP area point  
>to oak.oakland.edu, /pub/hamradio directory.

>Otherwise, those who wish to access the site will not be able to with the  
>present configuration.

If someone wants to use mosaic to access the BARC ftp site they can use the  
following URL to get there

ftp://oak.oakland.edu/pub/hamradio

or

file://oak.oakland.edu/pub/hamradio

depending on what client you are running.

cheers,  
Dan

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Dan Todd            ddtodd@ucdavis.edu            kc6uud@ke6lw.#nocal.ca.us.na  
Charter Member: Dummies for UNIX

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When radios are outlawed, only outlaws will have radios  
- David R. Tucker on rec.radio.amateur.policy

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Date: Sat, 14 May 1994 00:39:37 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!news.ucdavis.edu!modem61.ucdavis.edu!  
ddtodd@network.ucsd.edu  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <2qr1qu\$7bh@news.tamu.edu>, <1994May13.131539.20840@cs.brown.edu>,  
<2r034d\$i5v@vixen.cso.uiuc.edu>  
Subject : Re: ARRL (Was: Luck Hurder ... gone:( Why?)

ignacy@misz.animal.uiuc.edu (Ignacy Misztal) writes:  
[I deleted MD's standard diatribe against the ARRL]

>What is good for amateur radio depends on a particular viewpoint, and  
>the ham radio community is hardly homogeneous. No-code techs would  
There's an understatement.

>like their privileges expanded while some extras would like the same  
>privileges shrunked. Technical types want more projects in QST while  
>casual operators would prefer more reviews and general stories.  
>Repeater owners would like their frequencies protected while  
>others feel that no one owns any frequency. ARRL is there to find a  
>consensus, or if this is impossible but a decision is needed, take a  
>stand. There is a saying that you can't make everyone happy all the  
>time, and surely you will find dissatisfied people in any  
>organization. This is not to say that ARRL is perfect, but IMHO its  
>general line is good for amateur radio.

You are absolutely right in your assesment of the difficulties the ARRL faces every day. Where I differe somewhat is with the interpretation of what they should do. Instead of trying to find a consensous in everything, they should try to make goals and show some form of vision for amateur radio into the 21st century. This is the point that Gary C. has been trying to make for some time now. I am beginning to agree with him :-)

The only problem is that they also need tokeep their numbers high enough to support their projects. And deciding they want to start taking a lead in anything controversial (ending incentive licensing, easing CW requirements, or shifting vhf to digital voice) will lose them some members. They are therefore stuck in a quandry. Between being SOA or trying to keep ALL their members happy. They seem t oconsistently choose trying to keep everyone a little happy instead of ever taking an unpopular but necessary stand. That is one reason packet still sucks for the most part, ir there was a big push to change the current packet system a lot of TNC's would be suddenly useless. But we could provide a much better service to hamdom as well as emergency services.

cheers,  
Dan

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